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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Abrasion Resistant And Drapeable Nonwoven

Fabric

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Sir:

Washington, D.C. 20231

Responsive to the Official Action mailed July 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

## In The Claims

Please cancel claim 15, without prejudice

Please amend the following claims:

- 12. (Once Amended) A durable nonwoven fabric, comprising:
- a) a precursor web <u>comprising polyester fibers</u>;
- b) said precursor web being imaged and patterned by hydroentanglement on a three-dimensional image transfer device to form a nonwoven fabric;
- c) said nonwoven fabric receiving a substantially uniform, saturation application of a pre-dye finish followed by a curing step;
  - d) dyeing of said nonwoven fabric;